

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-4 (canceled).

5. (currently amended): A printer, comprising:

acquiring section~~means that for acquiring~~ acquires a print job file representing a print job by selectively performing a first movement or a second movement~~for printing a page on which an image is associated with an image area in a page layout containing the image area disposed on the page~~; and

printing section~~means that perform~~ performs printing on the basis of the print job file thus acquired;

wherein:

the print job file contains layout identification information serving to identify a layout file defining a page layout containing an image area and image identification information serving to identify an image file of an image,

the first movement is accompanying movement which is movement of the layout file or the image file along with the print job file,

the second movement is independent movement of the print job file, and

the printing section parses the acquired print job file, prints a page layout that is defined in a layout file that is identified from the layout identification information contained in the print job file, as well as an image that is contained in an image file that is identified from the image identification information contained in the print job file.

Claims 6-7 (canceled).

8. (currently amended): The printer according to claim 5, wherein:

the print job file has a plurality of image areas which the page layout comprises and association information for placing images in the plurality of image areas; and

the printing ~~section~~means print prints a page on which images are disposed in each of the plurality of image areas on the basis of the association information.

9. (currently amended): The printer according to claim 5, wherein:

a plurality of layout description sections are contained in the print job file, and each layout description section contains layout identification information serving to identify a layout file describing the page layout, and image identification information serving to identify an image file of an image associated with an image area of the page layout; and

the printing ~~section~~means print prints a page on which the image is disposed on the basis of the descriptive content for each of the layout description sections.

10. (currently amended): The printer according to claim 5, wherein:

the print job file contains one or more items of file identification information serving to identify each of one or more data files, and a specified code, and the one or more items of file identification information is(are) contained in a predetermined range within the print job file; and,

upon detecting the specified code, the printing ~~section~~means handle handles a data file, which is identified from a predetermined file identification information item among one or more file identification information items within the predetermined range, as a layout file representing the page layout, and ~~handle~~handles a data file, which is identified from another file identification information item, as the image file of the image.

Claims 11-28 (canceled).

29. (currently amended): A data source device that is capable of communicating with a job file acquisition device capable of acquiring a print job file, the print job file containing layout identification information serving to identify a layout file defining a ~~given~~ page layout containing an image area, and image identification information serving to identify an image file of ~~an~~ specified image, the data source device comprising:

a selecting section that selects a first movement or a second movement; and
an outputting section~~means that for outputting outputs at~~ the print job file to the job file acquisition device by performing the first movement of the second movement thus selected; ~~and~~
wherein:

the first movement is accompanying movement which is movement of the layout file or the image file along with the print job file.

the second movement is independent movement of the print job file~~means enabling the job file acquisition device to acquire and parse the print job file thus output and to acquire and save a layout file that is identified from the layout identification information contained in the print job file, as well as an image file that is identified from the image identification information contained in the print job file.~~

30. (currently amended): A job file acquisition device that is capable of communicating with a data source on which a print job file is saved, the print job file containing layout identification information serving to identify a layout file defining a given page layout containing an image area, and image identification information serving to identify an image file of ~~an~~a specified image, the job file acquisition device comprising:

an acquiring section that~~means for acquiring~~ acquires the print job file by selectively performing a first movement or a second movement, the print job file~~that~~ is output from the data source; ~~and—~~and

a saving section~~means that~~for parsing parses the print job file thus acquired and ~~for acquiring and saving~~saves a layout file that is identified from the layout identification information contained in the print job file, as well as an image file that is identified from the image identification information contained in the print job file,

wherein:

the first movement is accompanying movement which is movement of the layout file or the image file along with the print job file, and
the second movement is independent movement of the print job file.

Claim 31. (canceled).

32. (new): The data source device according to claim 29, wherein:
when the second movement is selected, the outputting section outputs the layout file and the image file after independently outputting the print job file.

33. (new): The data source device according to claim 29, wherein:
an identifier, which indicates a break for each page, and at least one item of image identification information that is associated with the image areas of each page are matched with respect to a single item of layout identification information in the print job file.

34. (new): The data source device according to claim 29, wherein:
the print job file further contains a description relating to printing conditions desired by a user.

35. (new): The data source device according to claim 29, wherein:
the selecting section selects the first movement when a path name of the layout file and image file described in the print job file is a relative path name, and selects the second movement when the path name of the layout file and image file described in the print job file is absolute path name.

36. (new): The printer according to claim 5, wherein the selectively performing the first movement and the second movement comprises:

performing the first movement when a path name of the layout file and image file described in the print job file is a relative path name, and performing the second movement when the path name of the layout file and image file described in the print job file is an absolute path name.

37. (new): The job file acquisition device according to claim 30, wherein the selectively performing the first movement and the second movement comprises:

performing the first movement when a path name of the layout file and image file described in the print job file is a relative path name, and performing the second movement when the path name of the layout file and image file described in the print job file is an absolute path name.